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### Editorial

This issue of *The Charlotte Jewish News* culminates two active and exciting years and marks the beginning of a third year for what we hope will be even more productive. We have read, edited and printed stories that we believe you, our readers, have wanted. Hopefully they have kept you well informed as to what is happening in our own community as well as nationally and internationally.

Somehow we must be doing something right! Otherwise how could we have won the Jewish Federation Public Relations Award two consecutive years? Our number of readers is growing and advertising is beginning to increase. However, the financial burden of printing the paper still rests largely on our sponsoring organizations: Federation, Jewish Community Center and the Hebrew Academy. We hope the paper will eventually be self-sustaining through our advertisers. When you patronize them won't you please let them know that you saw their "ad" in our paper!

Our staff has been a delight to work with and if you have been reading the masthead, you probably have noted that that, too, is growing. Without our volunteers our task would be even greater. We also owe a tremendous thank you to Marvin Bienstock who contributes greatly not only with articles but with his understanding and a good ear to problems that may arise. Sara Schreiber and the rest of the staff at the JCC have also been most cooperative.

The New Year is here and with it comes the usual resolutions; some are kept and some are made only to be broken. We are not making any resolutions; instead we are still hoping for our dreams to become realities. We dream dreams of importance and dreams of trivia. We dream of hopes, of aspirations, of peace, of success, of happiness and of good health. We dream these dreams for ourselves, for our families, for our fellow man, for our people.

Not all dreams are pleasant dreams. We have dreams of frustration, of disappointments and of failures. Fortunately these dreams are few in number. We have had a recurrent dream — the dream that all copy will be in at deadline time — the dream that there will be so many letters to the editors that not all can be printed. This dream also includes a place that *The Charlotte Jewish News* can call home ... our own newsroom! For the past two years we have been working in our homes, either on the kitchen or dining room tables. This is not what the recipe for a newspaper calls for ... we need space and a permanent location for our files.

And above all, our dreams include you, our readers. We need you! We need your confidence, your opinions, your ideas, your support. We need you to advertise, to get advertisers, to help a couple of hours a month. If you are creative, if you can type, if you can copy read, why not volunteer? Why not try to help make our dream for this newspaper become a reality?

We wish you a very happy, healthy and successful 1981! We wish the same for us!

#### Help Us Now!

Now that the elections are over, all we have to worry about is what our elected officers will do for us; remember "by the people and for the people." For instance, John East, the poor man in the wheelchair, is getting a tax free disability pension of \$14,400 per year plus his new government salary of \$60,662.50. Now here is a man who really understands the problems of the poor who get food stamps, and he is not going to let these free loaders get away with it. Now that's what I call doing a good job! Go get 'em John!

The Social Security Program supports a great many of us and it is, or was, a very good idea, but our politicians did not give the program a good basis. The

#### Congratulations

Dear Editors:

I visited Charlotte on behalf of the Council of Jewish Federations on two occasions and as a result of my interest in your community, had my name

money collected from payrolls, etc., should have been put into an interest bearing program. Of course now there is no balance of funds to get interest on. If this had been done from the beginning, the program would have been very effective. Plus it would not mean taking such a big bite out of the salary checks of the now working people. Our politicians better do something about it now!

— Sylvia Sadoff

## Thoughts From the Lubavitcher Rebbe

### The Cry of A Child

by Rabbi Yoseph Groner

Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Liadi, founder of Chabad-Lubavitch, who was known as the Alter Rebbe, shared his house with his oldest married son, Rabbi Dov Ber (who later succeeded him as Rebbe and leader). Rabbi Dov Ber was known for his unusual power of concentration. Once, when Rabbi Dov Ber was engrossed in learning, his baby, sleeping in a cradle nearby, fell out and began to cry. The infant's father did not hear the baby's cries. However, the infant's grandfather, the Old Rebbe, who was also engrossed in his studies at that time, did hear the baby's cries. He interrupted his studies, went downstairs, picked up the baby, soothed it and replaced it in its cradle. To all this, the infant's father remained quite oblivious.

Subsequently, the Old Rebbe

admonished his son: "No matter how engrossed one may be in the most lofty occupation, one must never remain insensitive to the cry of a child."

This episode characterized one of the basic tenets of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement, to hearken to the cry of our distressed Jewish children. The "child" may be an infant in years, a Jewish boy or girl of school age, fallen out of the "cradle" of Torah education. Or it may be an adult in years, yet an "infant" insofar as Jewish life is concerned; an infant in knowledge and experience of the Jewish religion, heritage and way of life. The souls of these "children" cry out in anguish, for they live in a spiritual void, whether they are conscious of it, or feel it only subconsciously.

Everyone of us, no matter how preoccupied we may be with any lofty cause, must hear their

cries. For to help bring these children back to their Jewish cradle has a priority over all else.

Our young are pounding on our doors; they are not leaving it up to us to figure out the order of priorities in our striving for a vital Judaism. A person who has a certain sum of money for charity is pondering how best to utilize the many possibilities that present themselves to disburse the funds. But when a poor man on the verge of starvation comes knocking on the door, asking for means to buy bread for himself and his family, the speculation should end there.

The days of doubt are now over, for those who need Jewish education, our youth, are themselves coming forward and raising cain about their spiritual starvation. But lacking a Jewish background, their approach does not express itself in a clear-cut assertion of their needs. They do not say, as yet, "We want a Torah education starting from Alef-Bais and going on forward and yet forward." Instead they cry out, "Our lives are empty of meaning." They have received no Jewish education which would make them aware that what they themselves are subconsciously really after with their demands is Judaism.

In the light of all the above, let every one of us realize and take to heart that when our youth come pounding on the door, crying out the various demands and slogans that express the hollowness of their lives, we, who are fortunate enough to know that the true, serene and ennobling content of the life of a Jew has always been and will always be the Torah, must give them the genuine Torah education which is the real object of their search. Only then will they (and thereby also their parents and teachers) achieve true happiness.



## Liv Ullman Spurned Role In TV Film With Redgrave

By Judy Siegel  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Palestinians and the Palestine Liberation Organization have Vanessa Redgrave, but Israel and the Jews have Liv Ullman.

The Norwegian-born film star was unfazed at a Jerusalem press conference by an Arab reporter's request to hear her position on "the right of the Palestinians to their own state."

"I am not here to make political statements," said Ullman. "But I feel very strongly that the State of Israel must survive the way it is — and anything that endangers Israel endangers the future of the Jewish people and the place they call their own."

Ullman noted that she turned down an offer to act alongside Redgrave in a recent television film about the Holocaust because she objected to her colleague's pro-terrorist views and thought it was "inconceivable" to play alongside Redgrave in the part of a Holocaust survivor.

The 40-year-old actress arrived as the guest of Hadassah and to take part in their memorial to Henrietta Szold, Hadassah's founder, on the 120th anniversary of her birth.

Ullman was pressed further by the reporter from East Jerusalem about whether she had ever tried to visit an Arab country, and, "if not, was it because you are too closely tied with Jewish matters?" The actress said that as a representative of UNICEF, she asked to go to an Arab country. "But so far they said that a woman wouldn't be heard there or wouldn't have an impact."

Meeting with Ofira Navon, the president's wife, at Beit

Hanassi, Ullman said she recently completed a TV documentary at Auschwitz in which Jews who were children in Europe during the Holocaust retell their stories. She told Mrs. Navon that she supported her proposal for "refuge cities" for orphans around the world and would bring it up with her friends in UNICEF.

Since her first role at age 18 as Anne Frank, Ullman has played numerous roles, and today she is "enormously bored by acting." She hopes to continue in her profession, but hopes to write (her autobiography *Changing* was a success) and travel around the world. From here, she travels to Ethiopia, Somalia and Djibouti for UNICEF.

She visited the Hadassah University Hospital nursing school and pediatrics department with other members of the "In the Footsteps of Henrietta Szold" mission. The group of 34 American Jewish women were welcomed at Beit Hanassi by President Yitzhak Navon, who urged that Hadassah be "a real instrument for encouraging immigration and deepening Jewish education in the U.S." Mission leader is Beatrice Feldman.